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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. OF MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, Y.S. SUN, AND DIRECTOR OF BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE, Y.T. WONG, APRIL 1977

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- 1. Y.T. WONG INFORMED ECON COUNSELOR APRIL 1 THAT HE NOW WILL BE GOING TO WASHINGTON APRIL 2 INSTEAD OF APRIL 11. WONG STATED THAT HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL MARCH 31 FROM MYRON SALTER, BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE LAWYER IN WASHINGTON, ASKING WONG TO BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 4 TO DISCUSS VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENT ON NON-RUBBER FOOTWEAR WITH STR. ACCORDING TO SALTER, STR WOULD PREFER TO HANDLE FOOTWEAR PROBLEM LIKE IT DID MUSHROOMS, RATHER THAN SEE ESTABLISHED A TARIFF/QUOTA SYSTEM AS RECOMMENDED BY ITC. WONG COMMENTED THAT HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH STR BUT HE WAS UNWILLING TO REVEAL DETAILS OF GROC POSITION.
- 2. WONG STATED THAT HE PLANS TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH STR AND PICK UP SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS FROM APRIL 11 ONWARD. INCIDENTALLY, HE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NOT INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH EXIM BANK.

- 3. WONG PLANS TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON TO MEET MINISTER SUN AND ACCOMPANY HIM ON HIS CALLS APRIL 21-23.
- 4. ECON COUNSELOR MET WITH MINISTER SUN MARCH 30 REGARDING HIS TRIP TO WASHINGTON. MINISTER STATED THAT

HE DOES NOT PROPOSE TO RAISE SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS DURING HIS CALLS AT AGRICULTURE, COMMERCE, TREASURY AND STR. HE IS LEAVING SUCH MATTERS TO WONG. SUN'S INTEREST IS IN MEETING MEMBERS OF THE "NEW TEAM" AND CONVEYING TO THEM GREETINGS FROM GROC. OF COURSE, IF U.S. OFFICIALS HAVE ANYTHING SPECIFIC THEY WISH TO DISCUSS WITH HIM, HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DO SO. MINISTER STATED THAT HE HAS REQUESTED ROC EMBASSY TO ARRANGE CALL AT EXIM BANK TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE FINANCING FOR PROJECTS WHICH SURFACED DURING RECENT HEIDRICH VISIT TO TAIPEI.

5. MINISTER ASKED IF EMBASSY WAS AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC TOPICS USG OFFICIALS MIGHT WISH TO RAISE WITH HIM.

ECON COUNSELOR COMMENTED THAT AGRICULTURE MIGHT ASK HIM ABOUT FUTURE GRAIN PURCHASES AND ROC RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF U.S. FARM PRODUCTS, STR PROBABLY WOULD RAISE LAI FU CASE (REFTEL B), AND TREASURY MIGHT REQUEST HIS COOPERATION IN ENSURING THAT INVESTIGATIONS OF DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY CASES ARE COMPLETED PROMPTLY AND EFFICIENTLY. ALL USG AGENCIES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN GROC EFFORTS TO REDUCE LARGE TRADE SURPLUS WITH U.S. UNGER

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